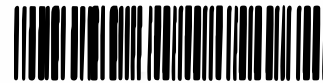


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George Beckham, Zoning Inspector

March 13, 2000

Mr. James Augustine
United States EPA

Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. Augustine:

The cleanup of the Buckley Junkyard site at **2977 Manchester Road** has been accomplished after nearly 4 years of discussions, meetings, and finally a legal action in Summit County Common Pleas Court. The property is in the estate of Robert Buckley, it was under the control of Ernie Buckley until he was incarcerated for selling drugs from the site. The Township was lucky enough to obtain \$75,000 to cover the actual cleanup from Summit County Solid Waste Authority.

Enclosed are several documents and newspaper articles covering this cleanup, including:

- 1.) Final Court Order
- 2.) Letters and agreement between Coventry and Summit Solid Waste
- 3.) Listing of removed items
- 4.) Newspaper articles and photos

The last items to be completed on this cleanup are of course the removal of the 55 gallon drums that were found on the property and seeding of the site. We greatly appreciate your help in the removal of the drums.

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Please feel free to contact Coventry Township Attorney Irving Sugerman at 376-8336 or myself if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

George Beckham
Zoning Inspector

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COMPANY: COVENTRY TOWNSHIP ZONING INSPECTOR

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FROM: IRVING B. SUGERMAN, ESQ.

RE: COVENTRY TOWNSHIP v. BUCKLEY

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COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF TRUSTEES, et al.

Plaintiffs

- vs -

EDWIN BUCKLEY, et al.

Defendants.

* CASE NO: CV 99 02 0531

* JUDGE TED SCHNEIDERMAN

* FINAL
AGREED JUDGMENT ENTRY

UPON AGREEMENT OF COUNSEL for the respective parties, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. That the property at 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio, is located in Coventry Township and has been operated as a junkyard since the 1940s;
2. That the property at 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio has scrap automobile, truck and other motor vehicle tires as well as other solid waste on its premises;
3. That there is no active salvage or scrap business being operated on the premises and that ownership of the property is currently under the jurisdiction of the Summit County Probate Court;

4. That Plaintiffs have obtained a grant from the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority earmarked to pay for costs of cleaning and disposing of the wastes located at 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio for which repayment would be required;

5. That the Estate of Robert E. Buckley is making reasonable efforts to sell 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio;

6. That it is in the best interests of all parties that 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio be cleaned of all scrap tires and other solid wastes and that it no longer be used as a junk yard or for the storage of trash or debris;

7. That the Court concludes as a matter of law that the condition of 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio meets the legal definition of "nuisance" and that the property has been maintained in violation of the Coventry Township Zoning Resolution and the regulations of the Summit County General Health District.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that:

A. 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio be declared a public nuisance and that it be declared to be maintained in violation of the Coventry Township Zoning Resolution and the regulations of the Summit County General Health District.

B. Counsel for the parties agree on a program of cleanup to be financed and paid for to the maximum extent possible, by the monies which Plaintiff has secured from the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority;

C. The contractor(s) who will perform the cleaning service(s) required at 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio shall comply with the following requirement:

1). The transporter of the tires must hold a current Scrap Tire Transporter Registration in good standing with the Ohio E.P.A.

2). The Registered Transporter must deliver the scrap tires to a Registered or licensed scrap tire collection, storage, monofill or recovery facility.

3). All solid wastes must be disposed of at a licensed solid waste disposal facility and be transported by a hauler licensed by the Summit County General Health District.

Counsel for the parties shall agree as to which company(ies) performs the cleaning services. If they are unable to agree, the matter shall be submitted to the Court for final determination. All contracts entered into under this paragraph shall comply with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, including the portions dealing with competitive bidding.

D. The Estate of Robert Buckley shall repay the monies expended to clean 2977 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio without interest within three years from the completion of cleanup either as a cost of administration to be paid through the Summit County Probate Court, upon the sale of the property, prior to any disbursements to the heirs to the estate, or otherwise. Coventry Township is authorized to place a lien or an assessment upon the property upon completion of the clean up. If Defendants do not pay the costs described herein, Coventry Township is authorized to take whatever action is necessary to collect said costs.

E. Each of the parties shall bear their own attorneys fees;

F. Court costs shall be divided between the Plaintiffs and the Estate of Robert Buckley;

G. The Temporary Injunction signed by this Court shall become a permanent injunction;

H. The property shall forever be barred from being a junkyard or salvage yard or accepting or storing trash of any kind.

I. Plaintiff, Coventry Township is hereby granted authority to enter in and upon said premises to accomplish the clean up described in paragraphs B & C including but in no way limited to:

1). Remove and dispose of all tires, scrap metal, unlicensed and/or inoperable motor vehicles, construction and demolition debris, junk, trash and other debris.

2). Remove the entire fence surrounding the premises.

3). Utilize such employees, agents and independent contractors as are necessary to accomplish the removal and disposal of the items described herein.

J. Should Plaintiffs receive any monies from or through the company(ies) performing the cleaning service(s), such as proceeds for the sale/disposal of scrap metal, such monies shall be paid to Plaintiffs to reduce or offset the cost of cleanup, and Defendants waive any right, claim or interest to such proceeds.

K. The parties acknowledge and agree that a concrete block building is located on the premises. That building may be used for an automobile repair, subject to the following restrictions:

1). All automobile repair shall be confined to the inside of the building.

2). There shall be no auto repair work or automobile storage conducted outside the building whatsoever.

3). There shall be no parking, storing or leaving of any motor vehicles, parts, equipment or related items in front of the building whatsoever. The area in front of the building may only be used for temporary customer parking only. Defendants may utilize an area not to exceed a point fifty (50) feet behind the building for the temporary parking, storing or leaving of motor vehicles awaiting repair.

4). The building shall be brought up to compliance with all applicable health, fire and building codes within one (1) year from the date of this Order. Specifically, running water and toilet facilities are required.

5). The portion of the building to the south which is not part of the cement block building must be removed within one (1) year. Also, a wooden garage located behind the main building must be removed. Until such time as the buildings are removed, they shall not be used for business or other activities whatsoever.

L. Defendants agree to enter into an Agreement with Coventry Township and Summit County to indemnify and hold Coventry Township and Summit County harmless, said Agreement being annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

M. The Coventry Township finds that all named Defendants have been represented by counsel and consent to this Order. The Court further finds that the unknown heirs of Robert Buckley have been duly served by publication and have failed to answer, appear or otherwise defend this action. Accordingly, this order applies to all named Defendants as well as the unknown heirs of Robert Buckley, deceased.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


JUDGE TED SCHNEIDERMAN

APPROVED BY:


IRVING B. SUGARMAN
Attorney for Plaintiff
Coventry Township Board of Trustees


ALLYSON MILLER-LEONARD
Attorney for Plaintiff
Summit County General Health District

PURSUANT TO CIV. R. 55 (B)
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Ernie E. Buckley, by Grace O. Buckley P.O.N.

ERNIE BUCKLEY

The Estate of Robert Buckley

DE George

By: Donald E. George
Its: Attorney

POWER OF ATTORNEY

have made, concluded and approved, and by these presents do make, conclude and approve, and appoint

my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, place and stead

1. To make, carry out and execute any and all contracts;
2. To sell, convey, barter, exchange, encumber, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property belonging to me, whether real, personal or mixed, or any part thereof or any interest therein, and to execute the necessary or required bills of sale, assignments, transfers, leases, notes, mortgages or conveyances, whether under seal or otherwise;
3. To carry on, conduct and conclude any and all negotiations in and about any business of mine or in which I am or am interested within the State of Ohio or elsewhere;
4. To draw and sign checks or withdrawal orders upon any bank or savings association or other depository in which I now have or may hereafter have an account or accounts subject to withdrawal, and to endorse any and all bills of exchange payable to me;
5. To receive, endorse and collect checks payable to my order, drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, for whatever account, and to give full discharge for same;
6. To make, sign, execute and deliver promissory notes or bills of exchange, with or without interest;
7. To sign or endorse any and all stock certificates issued by any corporation or similar organization;
8. To enter any safe deposit box leased in my name and to remove any part or all of the contents thereof;
9. To vote at any general or special meeting of stockholders all stock owned, held or controlled by me or standing in my name;
10. To receive and receipt for dividends upon any stock belonging to me or standing in my name and on which I may be entitled to receive dividends;
11. To collect, receive and receipt for all interest moneys and all money or credits of any kind or name belonging or owing to me on account whatsoever;
12. To make, sign and present in my name and on my behalf any and all tax returns, State or Federal, and to make authorized or required to make;
13. To compromise, settle or in sue and carry on any and all suits or legal proceedings of any kind or name for my benefit and, generally;
14. To manage all of my property and business, and to do any and every act of whatever nature concerning the same as in relation thereto which I might personally do, hereby giving and granting unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite or necessary or proper to be done in and about the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution hereof. The enumeration of special powers herein shall in no way be construed to limit the broad general powers herein given. It being my intention by this instrument, to confer unto my said attorney every power that may be conferred under the law.
15. The power of attorney shall not be affected by the disability of the principal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of

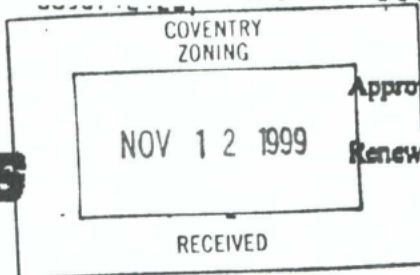
STATE OF OHIO ss:
COUNTY

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above named _____

My commission expires _____

1/28/91

Notary Public



Approval Code: _____

Renewal Date: _____

Special Waste Acceptance Application

1) Generator Name: Edwin Buckley, et al.
 2) Address: 2977 Manchester Road
 City: Akron State: OH Zip: _____
 County: Summit

3) SIC Code: _____
 4) Generator Phone: _____
 5) Generator Fax: _____
 6) Generator Contact: Donald George

7) Customer Name: CSE Coal, Inc.
 8) Customer Contact: Tom Lyons

9) Customer Phone: (330)424-3739
 10) Customer Fax: (330)424-1057

11) Name of Waste: Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, Demolition Debris,
 12) Process Generating Waste: Buckley Auto Salvage Cleanup

13) Estimated Annual Volume: 1,000 Tons ☐ Yards ☐ Drums ☐ Gallons ☒ One Time
 14) Transporter _____
 15) Is this a U.S. Department of Transportation Hazardous Material? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 A) If yes, please describe: _____
 16) Is this waste a characteristic or listed Hazardous Waste as defined by Federal, State, or Local regulation? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 17) Is this waste derived from, or mixed with a hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 18) Does this waste contain regulated concentrations of PCB's or radioactive material? Yes ☒ No
 19) Has all relevant information known by, or in the possession of the generator, regarding known or suspected hazards pertaining to the waste, been disclosed to Republic Waste Services? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 20) Does this waste acceptance application and all attachments contain complete and true waste descriptions? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 21) If analytical data is attached, is the data derived from testing a representative sample in accordance with 40CFR 261.20(c) and/or other applicable laws? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 22) Supporting documentation attached: ☒ Analytical Data, ☐ MSDS, ☐ Generator Certification

Generator Signature: [Signature] Title: Attorney

Printed or Typed Name: _____ Company Name: _____ Date: _____

For Republic Use Only

1) Management Method(s): ☐ Landfill ☐ Solidify ☐ Bioremediation ☐ Other _____
 2) Management Facility(s): _____
 3) Salesperson's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 4) Special Waste Decision ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved
 5) Precautions, Conditions, Special Handling: _____

6) Additional Analysis Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ TCLP Metals(8) ☐ TCLP Volatiles ☐ TCLP Semi-Volatiles ☐ TCLP Herbicides/Pesticides ☐ PCB's ☐ Paint Filter ☐ pH
☐ Flashpoint ☐ Cyanide Reactivity ☐ Sulfide Reactivity ☐ Water Reactivity ☐ Other _____
 Frequency: _____



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June 9, 1999

The Honorable Laurie Kieffer
Coventry Township Trustee
Coventry Township
68 Portage Lakes Drive
Akron, Ohio 44319

RE: Authority Grant for the Buckley Property

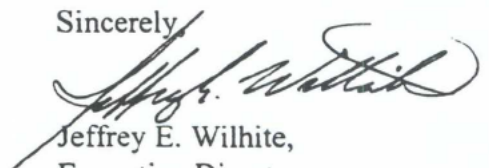
Dear Trustee Kieffer,

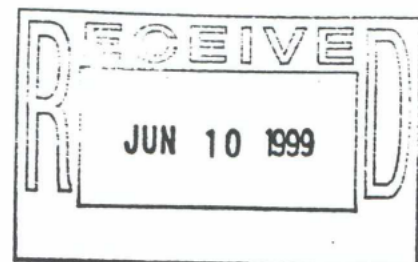
Please allow this letter to serve as official notification to you and Township Trustees David Bulgrin and Val Sawhill that the Board of Trustees of the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority approved a grant to the Township for abating the above ground nuisance at the Buckley property located at 2977 Manchester Road in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000). The Board approved this grant by motion and full approval of the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 1999.

Authority Legal Counsel is preparing a contract between the Township and the Authority to outline the contingencies and payment procedures reviewed at the June 8, 1999 meeting. Once the contract is completed, reviewed and signed by representatives of the Township and the Authority you may begin the abatement. I would anticipate this process would take approximately thirty (30) days at the most.

You and the Township are to be commended for your efforts in abating this site and it is our hope this effort will assist the Township in a positive way to eliminate this nuisance and make this site a positive asset to the Township. Please feel free to contact me if we may assist the Township further. Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey E. Wilhite,
Executive Director



cc: Virginia Benjamin, Legal Counsel, Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP
Marcie Johnson, Program Services Coordinator
M.Jill Darst, Manager Finance and Personnel
Irv Sugarman, Esq., Township Legal Counsel

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August 20, 1999

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
68 Portage Lakes Drive
Akron, OH 44319

RE: Buckley Abatement Agreement

Dear Trustees:

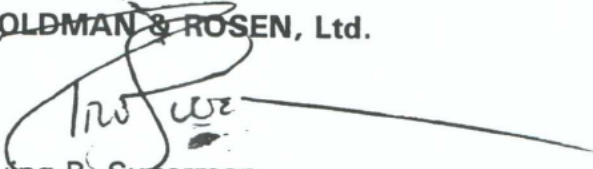
Enclosed, please find four (4) copies of the Buckley Abatement Agreement that has been signed by Jeffrey E. Wilhite, the Executive Director of the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority.

Kindly take action on this Agreement at your next meeting. If this Agreement is approved, please execute it where indicated and return all four (4) copies to my office. If you have any questions, or would like me to attend your meeting, please feel free to call me.

Thank you for your cooperation in and attention to this matter, and with best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

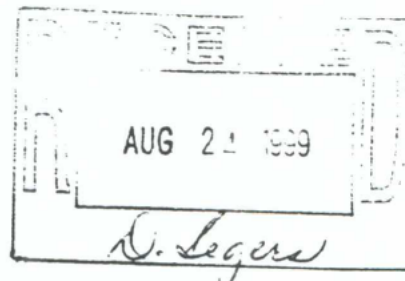
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Irving B. Sugerman
Attorney at Law

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of Aug. 16, 1999, between The Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority ("Summit") and Coventry Township ("Coventry").

RECITALS

- A. Summit and Coventry seek to abate the above ground nuisance consisting of scrap tires and other solid waste located at 2977 Manchester Road, Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio (the "Buckley property").
- B. The Buckley property is a health and environmental hazard in that Solid Waste is located thereon. For purposes of this Agreement, "Solid Waste" shall be defined as scrap tires, scrap metal, construction and demolition debris, abandoned vehicles, and general rubbish. Solid Waste does not include hazardous wastes, medical wastes, munitions, or any other special wastes.
- C. The Solid Waste located on the Buckley property is in violation of the solid waste laws of the State of Ohio, Summit County, and Coventry.
- D. Summit is granting herein funds to Coventry for the sole purpose of removing Solid Waste from the above ground nuisance on the Buckley property, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Summit and Coventry warrant that they are authorized to enter into this Agreement.
- 2. Summit shall grant to Coventry funds not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to remove Solid Waste from the Buckley property.
- 3. No funds shall be released by Summit, nor shall Coventry expend any funds in expectation of reimbursement by Summit, until such time as Coventry has received appropriate legal authority to enter and abate the Buckley property. Such authority includes, but is not limited to, consent of the Buckley property owner or an order from a Court with proper jurisdiction. Determination of the propriety of Coventry's legal authority as it relates to this Section and this Agreement is at the sole discretion of Summit.
- 4. After Section 2 above is satisfied, and the abatement of the Buckley property has commenced, Coventry shall, in a timely manner, at its

discretion, either: a) submit to Summit receipts and an accounting for its bonafide expenses related thereto, after which Summit shall reimburse Coventry for said expenditures; or b) submit invoices from vendors and an accounting of such expenditures, after which Summit shall release funds directly to said vendors for their bonafide performance related to the removal of the Solid Waste.

5. After the Solid Waste is removed from the Buckley property, a chain-link fence shall be erected around the rear of the Buckley property. The purpose of such fence shall be to insure that there is an unobstructed view of the Buckley property.
6. Coventry agrees that it will require all vendors to warrant that all Solid Waste removed from the Buckley property shall be disposed of in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
7. Coventry hereby covenants and agrees, at its sole cost and expense, to indemnify, protect, defend, and save harmless Summit from and against any and all damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, litigation, demands, defenses, judgments, suits, actions, proceedings, costs, disbursements, and/or expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' and experts' fees, expenses, and disbursements) of any kind or nature whatsoever which may at any time be imposed upon, incurred by, or asserted or awarded against Summit relating to, resulting from, or arising out of (i) the use of the Buckley property for the storage, treatment, generation, transportation, processing, handling, production, or disposal of any hazardous materials or as a landfill or other waste disposal site or for military, manufacturing, or industrial purposes, or for the storage of petroleum or petroleum-based products, (ii) the presence of any hazardous materials or a release or the threat of a release of any hazardous materials on, at, or from the Buckley property, (iii) the failure to promptly undertake and to pursue diligently to completion all necessary, appropriate, and legally authorized investigative, containment, removal, clean up, and other remedial actions with respect to a release of any hazardous materials or the threat of a release on, at, or from the Buckley property, (iv) human exposure to any hazardous materials, noises, vibrations, or nuisances of whatever kind to the extent the same arise from the condition of the Buckley property; or the ownership, use, operation, sale, transfer, or conveyance thereof, (v) a violation of any federal, state, or local law or regulation, (vi) non-compliance with any required environmental permit, or (vii) a material misrepresentation or inaccuracy in any representation or warranty or a material breach of or failure to perform any covenant made herein. Coventry shall enter into an agreement with the owners of the Buckley property which shall indemnify, protect, defend, and save harmless Coventry from all damages, losses and liabilities, as described in this paragraph.

8. Upon receipt of any reimbursement for the abatement of the Buckley property from any source, including without limitation, the Federal or State governments, or arising as a result of any potential, pending, or future assessment, lien, legal action, or legal settlement, then Coventry shall reimburse Summit funds up to the amount Coventry receives from such reimbursement -- not to exceed the total amount of funds that Summit has granted to Coventry under this Agreement.
9. Coventry must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to the performance of this Agreement and the removal of Solid Waste and use its best efforts to cause others to similarly comply.
10. Any notices sent pursuant to or in connection to the Agreement shall be sent to Summit at 12 Exchange Street, 3rd Floor, Akron, Ohio 44308, Attention: Executive Director (facsimile number: 330/374-1819), to Virginia D. Benjamin, Esq., Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP, 1400 McDonald Investment Center, 800 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 (facsimile number: 216/241-0816), to Coventry at 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Summit Township, Akron, Ohio 44319, Attention: Zoning Inspector (facsimile number: 330/644-4806), and to Irving B. Sugerman, Esq., Goldman & Rosen, Ltd., One Cascade Plaza, 12th Floor, Akron, Ohio 44306 (facsimile number: 330/376-2522). Notices shall be sent postage pre-paid, by certified mail, return receipt requested. Notices may also be sent by facsimile provided a copy of the notice is also sent by ordinary mail. Notices are effective upon receipt or refusal to accept delivery. Either party may change its address and/or facsimile number upon notice to the other party.
11. This Agreement (a) contains the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and the parties shall not be bound by any other terms, representations or warranties, oral or written, not contained herein; (b) is binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, except that Coventry may not assign this Agreement or any of the rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Summit; (c) may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same document; (d) shall be construed and enforced in accordance with Ohio law; and (e) may not be amended or modified except by a writing signed by both parties. Each person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity represents and warrants that such party has the authority to do so. Time is of the essence for the purpose of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date set forth above.

THE SUMMIT/AKRON SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

By: 
Jeffrey E. Wilhite, Executive Director

Date: August 16, 1999

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Val Sawhill, Township Trustee

Laurie Kieffer, Township Trustee

David Bulgrin, Township Trustee

Date: _____

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December 1, 1999

Mr. Boyd Marsh
Acting Executive Director
Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority
12 East Exchange Street, Third Floor
Akron, OH 44308

RE: Buckley property

Dear Mr. Marsh:

In June, 1999 Coventry Township requested and was granted financial assistance from the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority for the clean up of the Buckley property on Manchester Road.

Since that time, Coventry Township was able to successfully negotiate a settlement of the litigation against the Buckley defendants, a settlement which gave us the authority to enter in and upon the premises remove the tires, scrap metal and other solid waste that had accumulated over a fifty (50) year period.

We are pleased to report to you that through November 30, 1999 twenty-one (21) walking floors of tires, some 476 tons, and 12 loads of salvaged steel, including four (4) buses have been removed from the site. When the job is complete, we expect to have removed over 50,000 tires alone from the premises. In addition, all of the buildings have been demolished and all construction and demolition debris has been removed.

The cost of removal has, however, exceeded our initial estimates. Quite frankly, the scope of the project far exceeded our expectations, but we felt it necessary to proceed without delay to finalize the clean up. We now return to the Authority to request an additional allocation to assist in paying for these unforeseen costs and expenses, and ask that this item be placed on your December 14, 1999 agenda.


Mr. Boyd Marsh
Acting Executive Director
December 1, 1999
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I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the support of the Summit County General Health District, the Summit County Prosecutors Office and the C&E Coal, Inc., who was the contractor on the job. It is through partnerships such as this that our entire community can be better served.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in and attention to this matter, and with best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

GOLDMAN & ROSEN, Ltd.



Irving B. Sugerman
Attorney at Law

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cc: Coventry Township Board of Trustees
William Daroff, Esq.
Allyson Miller-Leonard, Esq.
George Beckham, Coventry Township Zoning Inspector



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January 16, 2000

Mr. Boyd Marsh
Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority
12 E. Exchange St.
Third Floor
Akron, OH 44308

Dear Mr. Marsh,

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees and the entire Coventry Township community extend our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to the Authority for your two recent grants for the cleanup of the Buckley property at 2977 Manchester Road.

The initial grant of \$60,000.00 allowed us to commence with what we considered to be a massive cleanup improvement for our township. And when the actual costs exceeded even the cleanup contractor's, (C&E Coal) projections, your additional grant of \$15,000.00 eased the burden on the funds necessary to complete the project. Coventry Township has secured the cleared area with the fencing that was promised, and we will continue to encourage the sale of the property by the Buckley estate.

We are so pleased with the co-ordination of efforts between Coventry Township and the Solid Waste Authority, the Summit County Health Department, and the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. We have every hope that in the near future, this site will make a transition from being a long-standing eyesore to becoming a productive "member" of the Coventry community once again.

Please extend our thanks to each member of the Authority's Board of Trustees. We hope that the positive results of this cleanup demonstrate the value that we place on your Board's support in this project.

Yours truly,

Laurie Kieffer
Coventry Township Board of Trustees

BUCKLEY ABATEMENT

ACTION ITEMS COMPLETED -

- * LOADED AND DISPOSED OF OVER 51 TONS OF TIRES (APPROXIMATELY 50,000 TIRES)
- * REMOVED 12 LOADS OF SALVAGED STEEL, INCLUDING FOUR (4) BUSES
- * DEMOLISHED ALL BUILDINGS ON THE PREMISES AND REMOVED DEBRIS
- * REMOVED FENCE ON BUCKLEY PROPERTY AND ADJACENT MANLEY PROPERTY

"TO DO" ITEMS -

- * DISPOSAL OF BARRELS
- * CONSTRUCT FENCE AROUND PROPERTY
- * SEEDING OF PREMISES

COST ANALYSIS -

C & E COAL	NON-RESPONSIVE
LITIGATION EXPENSE	NON-RESPONSIVE
FENCE CONSTRUCTION	NON-RESPONSIVE
SEEDING OF PREMISES	NON-RESPONSIVE
TOTAL	NON-RESPONSIVE
less GRANT RECEIVED FROM SUMMIT/AKRON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	NON-RESPONSIVE
ADDITIONAL GRANT REQUEST	NON-RESPONSIVE

Grant aids Coventry cleanup

• Garbage district puts \$60,000 toward campaign to clear auto salvage yard

BY BOB DOWNING
Beacon Journal staff writer

The Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority yesterday awarded a \$60,000 grant to Coventry Township to help clean up an old auto salvage yard.

"We're really thrilled . . . and that's just great news for the township," said trustee Laurie Kieffer of the county's help to clean up the now-closed Buckley salvage yard.

The two-acre site is on the east side of Manchester Road between Cove Boulevard and Cormany Road.

When or if the cleanup might

begin is still unclear. That's because the township, with the assistance of the Summit County Health Department, has a lawsuit pending against the estate of the late Robert Buckley in Summit County Common Pleas Court.

Ownership of the property is in limbo because no estate has been filed in Summit County Probate Court following Buckley's death about 18 months ago, said township attorney Irving Surgerman.

The township wants the property to be declared a nuisance and to have the court determine that the current use violated health and zoning codes, Kieffer said.

Attorneys for the township and the Buckley family are trying to negotiate a settlement that would allow the township to clean up the site, officials said.

There are somewhere between

10,000 and 30,000 tires on the property, along with old vehicles, junk, scrap metal and construction debris, said Jeff Wilhite, executive director of the waste district.

The site, he said, is "a very definite nuisance to the area, in our view."

The cost of the surface cleanup is estimated at between \$45,000 and \$76,000, he said.

Officials said the court could order the Buckley estate to reimburse the township for cleanup costs or place a lien on the property to recoup money when the land is sold.

That means the garbage district might get reimbursed for the cleanup or a portion of its cost, officials said.

ases with more than 100 Nativity scenes from all over the world.

Virtually all of them are historically incorrect.

Most include a wooden stable with a V-shaped manger, also of wood. But in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, wood was scarce - and far too expensive to use for animals. In reality, the stable was a deep, dark cave chiseled in a hillside; the manger, a flat shelf carved in the cave wall.

But that doesn't matter to the people who come to view the Nativity collection before or after Mass, or when the church building is open on weekdays: 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. They see only the beauty, the craftsmanship - and the love of the Holy Family.

"Children love this place," said the Rev. David Halaiko, pastor of the church they call "Nativity" for short. "After Mass, they insist that their parents bring them down to see Baby Jesus."

Halaiko, who grew up in Akron, became a priest 32 years ago. In 1977, he answered an ad for ad-

Bishop James Hickey chose the name Nativity of the Lord Jesus for the new parish.

Halaiko started collecting Nativity scenes almost by accident, buying one as a souvenir while visiting the Cleveland Diocese mission in El Salvador in 1979. He picked up others in his travels, including one made of corn husks from Slovakia, where he visited his father's cousins in 1996.

It wasn't long before parishioners - and even people outside the parish - started adding to his collection from their travels. A Nativity scene made of thorn wood from Nigeria was donated by a Methodist family, Halaiko said.

An ebony set from Africa belonged to Jane Harp of Green and was donated by her husband, Joseph, after she died. The collection includes a needlepoint wall hanging of the Holy Family, made by the late Mae Hyle of Ellet.

One of Halaiko's favorites is another ebony scene from Mtwara, Tanzania, that he bought from a



catalog.

"Just look at the beautiful African features on the Holy Family," he said. "That shows the universality of the religion, how it can be adopted by all different races and

nations as their own. That is what the word "catholic" means."

The scene that most resembles a cave was carved from a gourd in Peru. In another set from Peru,

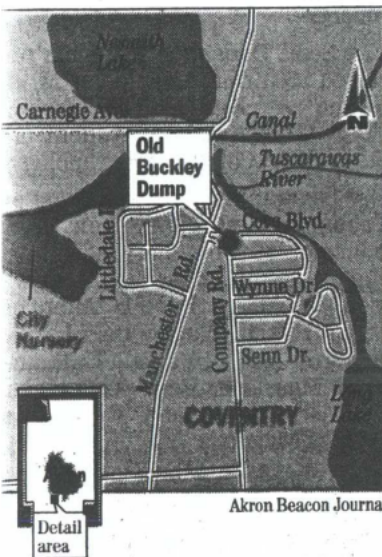
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ered my husband. And so I had. Selecting the Christmas tree is my job, I foisted on me years ago my family. The dumping occurred late on a December afternoon when I suggested revisiting - for the third time - a particular tree lot. They suggested I go by myself.

I am a Christmas tree purist. I was traumatized as a child the year my mother bought one of those trees with metal branches and a rotating spotlight. As a result, I'm compelled every Christmas to drag a fresh conifer home to dehydrate, shed needles and bleed sap onto the presents. I love to discover a Christmas tree needle hiding in the carpet in July.

My annual tree ritual starts on Thanksgiving weekend when guys in flannel shirts and heavy leather gloves are stacking trees bound with cord in neat rows. Sometimes I find THE tree right off the bat. More

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Akron Beacon Journal

Coventry makes clean sweep of dump

• Former salvage yard is no longer an unsightly mess

BY BOB DOWNING
Beacon Journal staff writer

COVENTRY TWP.: A major eyesore is gone, and Coventry Township officials couldn't be happier.

"We're immensely pleased . . . and thrilled," said township trustee Laurie Kieffer about the cleanup at the closed Buckley salvage yard.

The two-acre site, east of Manchester Road (state Route 93) between Cove Boulevard and Cornman Road, had been an unsightly

mess for years.

C&E Coal Inc. of Toronto, Ohio, removed 50,000 tires weighing about 50 tons, along with 12 trailers full of scrap steel and even four old school buses, officials said.

The monthlong cleanup was completed early this month.

Officials had predicted that 10,000 to 30,000 tires were on the site, but the number was larger, officials said.

The Summit-Akron Solid Waste

Management Authority had provided a \$60,000 grant to fund the cleanup, and additional money will be sought from the trash authority to cover additional costs, said township attorney Irving Surgerman.

The final cleanup bill was \$75,000 and the township paid an additional \$20,000 for fencing and related legal costs, he said.

The township negotiated an agreement to allow the cleanup with the estate of the late Robert Buckley, who had operated the dump. The township and the coun-

ty Health Department had filed a lawsuit against the estate in Summit County Common Pleas Court. The suit called the site a nuisance and a violation of health and zoning codes.

Ownership of the property remains in limbo in the wake of Buckley's death two years ago.

The township intends to file a lien on the property so that it can recoup the money spent on the cleanup when the land is sold, Surgerman said.

"It's a good example of government working together," he said.

of bank fraud.

Prosecutors claim that \$46,300 was erroneously deposited into a Kisha R. Jackson's account at Bank One in September 1998. Jackson transferred the money to another bank. After Bank One officials told her that the money was not hers and requested that the cash be returned, she withdrew the money and spent it.

Jackson could face up to 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine and five years of probation.

The charge followed an investigation by the Akron FBI office.

AKRON

City man indicted in 2 bank robberies

A 44-year-old Akron man was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury for allegedly robbing banks in Akron and Cuyahoga Falls last month.

Anthony Collier was indicted on 10 counts of bank robbery. Prosecutors claim that Collier stole the North Akron Savings Bank on Cuyahoga Falls Avenue on Dec. 8. Two days later, he allegedly robbed the Savings Bank on Graham Street in Cuyahoga Falls.

Indicted, Collier faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine for each charge. The charge followed an investigation by the Akron FBI

In other business, the council confirmed Mayor Christopher Grimm's appointment of Nancy Wack to the appearance commission.

- PHYLLIS MASCOLO

COVENTRY TWP. 1-14-00

Agency OKs \$15,000 for cleanup of site

Zoning Inspector George Beckham told trustees last night that the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority has granted the township \$15,000 to complete a cleanup of Buckley's Auto Wrecking on Manchester Road.

The money is in addition to a \$60,000 grant the authority gave the township last year to clean up the 2-acre property.

Beckham said crews have torn down the buildings, which had housed trash and about 50,000 old tires. A fence has been constructed around the property. Workers will plant grass there in the spring.

The township negotiated an agreement to allow the cleanup last year with the estate of the late Robert Buckley, who had operated the dump. The township and county had filed a lawsuit against the estate calling the site a nuisance and a violation of health and zoning codes.

- MARIA PRINZO

AROUND CLEVELAND

ed \$80

Coventry gets Buckley clean up funds

VINCENT FARO
Staff Reporter

COVENTRY — Coventry Township Planning Inspector George Beckham announced at the Board of Trustees' 13 meeting that the Township received an additional \$15,000 to clean up Buckley's Auto Wrecking on Manchester Rd. That brings the total amount for cleanup to \$75,000. The Township had originally received a \$60,000 grant for the cleanup from Summit County Solid Waste Management Authority last spring. Beckham said he and Township Attorney Irv Sugerman met with the Board of Solid Waste on December

14 to discuss the possibility of additional funding.

Cleanup at the former auto wrecking business has been underway for the past several months. Over 50,000 tires and tons of auto parts and scrap metal have been removed from the location. Beckham said the property has been fenced in and seeding will begin in March.

Beckham did add, however, that there are a number of 55-gallon drums containing hazardous waste still on the property. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been notified of the waste material and will be looking into the matter within the next several weeks.

Trustee Laurie Kieffer noted that the Buckley property is currently up for sale. She said the property will be assessed the full cost of the cleanup once a sale is finalized.

In other business at the meeting,

Fire Chief David Calderone said during his report that his department answered 1,688 emergency calls in 1999, up 113 calls from the year before.

Calderone noted a steady increase of alarms in the past four years and said the amount has doubled in the last 10 years. As a result, the Fire Chief stressed the need for additional personnel.

Trustee Chair Val Sawhill said finding the money for more fire fighters will be one of the Township's primary goals in the new year.

During the clerk's report, Joni Murgatroyd announced that the Township has recently received a \$5,000 Council District Capital Improvements grant. Sawhill said the money will be used at Logan Field to build a concrete base in the batting cages as well as for a new scoreboard for the football team.

Also at the meeting, the Trustees approved the following expenditures:

- An amount of \$58,559 was paid to the Mahnen Machinery Co. for the purchase of a new John Deere backhoe for the Road Department. Road Superintendent Gene Cole said the last time a backhoe was purchased for his department was in 1977.

- Payment was approved for \$3,200 to the Sheetz Construction Co. for the installation of drywall at the newly remodeled Road Maintenance Building on Portage Lakes Dr.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the newly remodeled Township Hall at 68 Portage Lakes Dr.

Powell recipient of ONU Class of '93 Scholarship

A, OH — Jennifer Powell, daughter of David and Valerie Powell, W. 15151 Rd. in Franklin Township, received the Class of '93 Scholarship from Ohio Northern University for the 1999-2000 academic year. She is a senior majoring in history.

Powell is also active in Zeta Tau, a social sorority. Order of Omega social leadership honorary.

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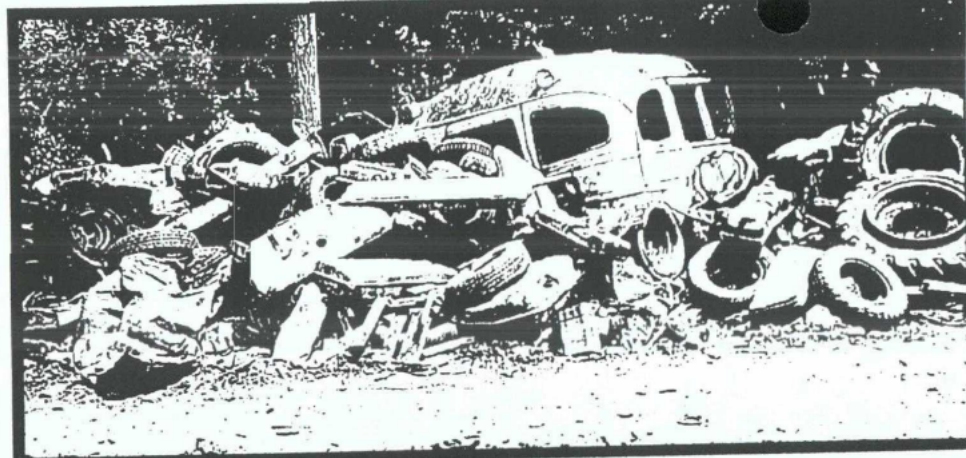
IS IT HEARING LOSS, OR...

1 Is It Just Earwax?

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Video Otoscope Check
We can check for it with our Video Otoscope.

2 Is It Your Middle Or Inner Ear?

FREE
Bone Conduction Test*
We'll check to see if your middle & inner ears are functioning properly.





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November 18, 1964

President L.B. JOHNSON

WHITE HOUSE

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

I wish to extend to you, my congratulations on your victory, and best wishes for your Success.

I see in this weeks issue of U.S. News and World Reports, that part of your program includes making America beautiful, part of which is the riddance of these Automobile junk yards. That is something this neighborhood is very much interested in, as we have, I beleive, the most unsightly one in the State of Ohio. The Buckley Auto Wrecking Company, is situated on State Highway 93, between County highway 233 and a Township road.

We have been trying for three years to get some action on it, we did get a perpetual injunction restraining them from burning, which was a great help, as the grimy smoke and fumes were terrible from the fires. We appealed to both Summit County and The State health departments, for some action on the rat situation, at the junk yard, but to no avail. We had no rat situation before the junk yard came into being. The cars are stacked three and four deep which in my opinion, creates a fire hazard, also is dangerous. It is practically impossible to sell property in here, except on land contract, as it is very hard to get a loan on account of the junk yard. This is a highly residential area, consisting of sixty- nine properties, in a radius of a quarter mile, of which ninety percent percent, were here before the junk yard.

We will certainly appreciate any help you may be able to give us.

Respectfully yours

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Buckley's Clean Up

Coventry Township – Fall 1999



The Coventry Quill

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Clean Up Coventry Campaign Aided By Receipt Of Funding

1999 will be considered a "landmark" year for Coventry Township for reasons other than just building the new Coventry Clock Tower.

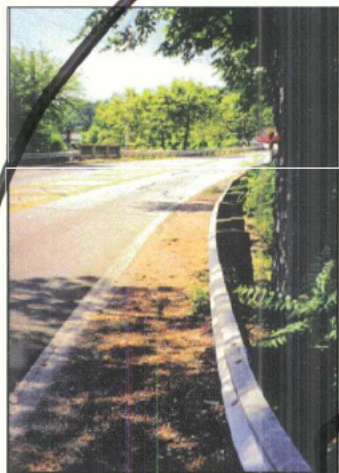
An extraordinary number of projects designed to improve the community are either underway or will begin in the near future.

What makes the improvements even more impressive is the fact that much of the funding for the "Clean Up Coventry Campaign" is coming from sources other than local tax dollars. This year alone almost half a million dollars has been received or pledged from outside sources for a wide variety of projects.

SafeWalk Project

The Coventry Township SafeWalk Project received \$90,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds in 1999, and should receive an additional \$42,000 next year.

In addition, Coventry has been approved to receive \$175,000 in AMATS funds. Both the CDBG and AMATS money comes through the Federal government and is administered by local agencies. Work on the project should begin in the early spring.



Narrow areas like this along Portage Lakes Dr. make it dangerous for pedestrian traffic.



Buckley's Auto Wrecking on Manchester Rd. will be cleaned up with the help of a grant from the Akron/Summit Solid Waste Authority.



These new signs featuring the distinctive Coventry duck logo will greet those entering the community.

The SafeWalk Project was designed to provide sidewalks and street lighting along sections of Portage Lakes Drive, an area which has great historic value and scenic beauty, but is virtually unusable for pedestrian traffic because there are no safe areas to walk next to the busy roadway.

Buckley's Clean-Up

Helped with a grant of up to \$60,000, Buckley's Auto Wrecking on Manchester Rd. will be cleaned up.

The grant, from the Akron/Summit Solid Waste Management Authority, will aid in the removal of almost 30,000 tires, old cars, and other debris. The Township, aided by the Summit County Health department has been trying to force the clean-up for years.

A lawsuit was filed against Buckley's, and a settlement was reached which will permit this clean-up.

Logan Field

In order to improve Coventry's largest and most used park, new fencing and backstops are being installed, and part of the parking lot will be paved

to improve parking. In addition, more parking is being created by lowering an existing hill near the lower soccer field. The existing and nasty-looking fence was over 30 years old.

Cottage Grove Park

Last Fall the Township applied for an Ohio NatureWorks Grant to help buy the property adjacent to the park for badly needed additional parking.



The picture above is from a postcard from about 1900 and depicts the Lovers Lane Channel before the "iron" pilings were driven in the sides.

Historic Channel Will Be Widened

After years of complaining by boaters, and pleas by government of officials from the entire Portage Lakes area, the Ohio ODNR is ready to tackle the problem.

About \$1.1 million has been set aside to widen the historic "lovers lane" channel which join East and West Reservoirs. A public meeting was held September 22 to explain the project.

The state recently approved a grant of \$15,000. Trees have been removed and gravel has been added to help prepare the lot for full use during next Spring's baseball season.

Building "Spruce-Up"

The Sheriff's office was improved with a new roof and vinyl siding this summer. The Township Hall also had some badly-need shingles installed.

The new Road Maintenance building was completed and painted. Attractive trees and shrubs were added, and lots of perennial flowers were planted by Township Clerk Joni Murgatroyd.

Beginning soon, the Township Hall will also be improved inside with new wallpaper and kitchen remodeling. The building is used not only for township meetings, but is also rented for social events.

The overall goal is to continue to work within the township's limited budget to keep buildings and equipment well-maintained and attractive to those who live here or visit.



FireMedic Wendy Survey helps a future member of Coventry's safety forces at the Fire Department's recent Open House.

Fire Levy Renewal On Nov. 2 Ballot

Will NOT Increase Taxes

Issue #4 on the Nov. 2nd ballot is for the renewal of Coventry's primary Fire Levy. Because it is a straight renewal, it will not increase property taxes.

The 4.9 mill levy raises about \$639,000 for the fire safety services, and makes up about 55% of the Fire Department budget. The department responds to over 1600 emergency calls per year.

In addition to responding to fire and medical emergencies, the department also conducts fire inspections, teaches fire safety classes in the schools, and has six emergency underwater divers on the department. Routine blood pressure checks are done at the fire department during regular business hours.

Anyone with questions about the levy or the services provided by the Coventry Fire Department may call during business hours at 644-3228.

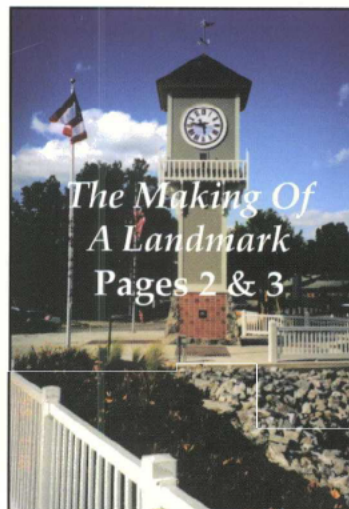
Visit Coventry Web Site

Thanks to the Technology Club at Erwine Middle School, Coventry Township has an official web site, with links to information for both the schools and the community.

Last year students at the school created the site, and this year it will be improved.

To access and keep up with additions to the Coventry Web Site, enter the following address:

www.coventrytwp.com



The Making Of A Landmark Pages 2 & 3

The Making Of A Landmark

An Outpouring Of Support Makes The Portage Lakes Dream A Reality

Coventry Township is unique. Sitting in the middle of a state park, surrounded by beautiful waterways and containing small, cozy neighborhoods, the community has just about everything to offer those who call Coventry home.

But one thing was missing. Coventry had neither a "town square" nor a logical place to build one. What it did have was an unusual intersection, in the heart of the historic business center of the community.

When a plan developed to reconfigure the intersection to make it safer, an idea was born. The idea was to use the opportunity to make it something special.

The area was already familiar to those who as kids and teenagers, used to gather to socialize at "the corner" or the "whitefront" as it was once known because of the white painted stores in the area. The setting was "unique."

Where else in the Portage Lakes was there a more perfect setting for a new "landmark?"

The challenge

It was just about a year ago that a question was posed to the Coventry community: Would it be a good idea to construct a new landmark in the "heart" of the Portage Lakes, and the historic business center of Coventry Township? How about a Clock Tower that could be seen from both the roadway and the lake, and close to the well-known "lovers lane" channel, through which hundreds of boats pass each summer day?

Residents were told that they could demonstrate their approval of the project by supporting it with their donations. The "vote" was overwhelming and as a result, the Coventry Clock Tower was dedicated on the Fourth of July, 1999.

Planning and hoping

Much preparation went into bringing the clock tower project to a successful conclusion. The most important aspect of the entire project, however, was the amount of time, money, materials and expertise that was donated to the project.

Architect James Reinbolt, of the firm Reinbolt, Evans and Mann, got the ball rolling by donating a scale model of the proposed clock tower, so that people would have a better idea of what it would look like.

Summit County Engineer Gene Esser and his staff members worked closely with Township officials to ensure that the new intersection would be safer and more attractive.

Countless permits had to be obtained from the ODNR, Army Corps Of Engineers, and the Summit County Building Department. State Park Manager Steve Walker gave his full support to the project with officials in Columbus.

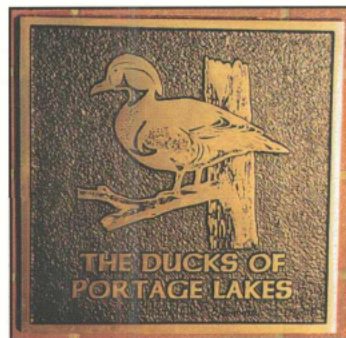
Lakes resident Norm Schoenmeyer, who has installed many docks from his "floating crane and workshop" volunteered



to drive the pilings necessary to construct the seawall needed for the area where the new clock tower sits. His donation of time and expertise saved at least \$40,000 in construction costs.

Over \$70,000 was raised from the sale of engraved bricks, and some donations were as high as \$5,000. The largest donors actually asked to remain anonymous.

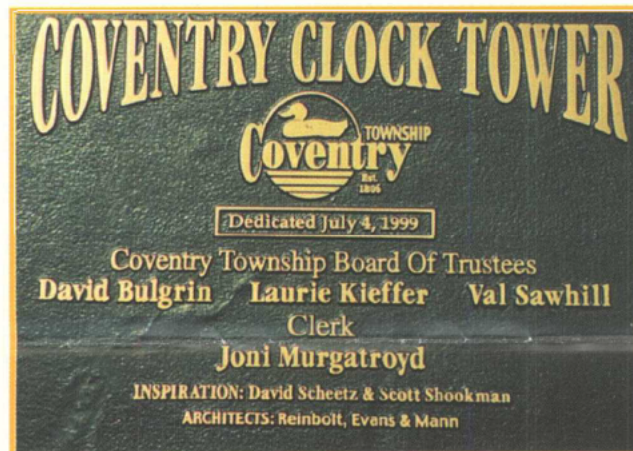
The largest number of bricks purchased was by 84 year-old Elmer Perry, who purchased a brick for him and his wife Arbutus, and then one for each of his children-all seven of them! Sadly, Mr. Perry passed away before the tower was completed.



On one side of the Clock Tower, a bronze plaque features a wood duck, and the inscription, "The Ducks Of Portage Lakes." The plaque honors a small group of men who quietly raise money, and then donate it to projects they feel will enhance the Portage Lakes area. The clock tower was their first project, and they donated \$4,000. Members of the group choose to remain anonymous.

Dave Johnson of Aster Paint and Decorating donated all of the paint, brushes and rollers necessary to paint the tower and lakeside railing.

Tom Smith of Coppersmith Roofing and Sheet Metal donated the copper for the roof on the tower, and then had his expert crew construct the shiny new roof.



Ohio Edison linemen who had worked removing utility poles and placing electrical wires underground, talked their company into allowing them to use their cranes to lift sections of the clock tower into place. Area Manager Ray Martinez gave the okay, and the tower sections were lifted with precision.

It became a family affair when Bobby Stouffer, with the help of his two sons, Lael and Russell, did the concrete work. Bobby's father, Robert Stouffer Sr., along with his partner Glenn Greth, did the brick and stone work.

Denby Westfall, owner of Westport Electric supplied all of the wiring for the tower.

Carpenters Ron Anderson and Roy McLeod, who do business as 619 Services, devoted an extraordinary amount of time ensuring that the structure would be completed on time, and last forever.

They were often accompanied by their wives Jane Anderson and Claudia McLeod, who not only kept them fed and watered during the hot summer days, but also motivated them with words of encouragement.

In addition to the township officials, two names also appear on the bronze plaque dedicating the Coventry Clock Tower. David Scheetz and Scott Shookman were honored for providing "inspiration" for the project. Both worked tirelessly to support, and promote and help raise funds. Their contribution was priceless.

Various components of the Coventry Clock Tower came from different parts of the country, and all over the world. The Verdin Company of Cincinnati, built the clocks, chimes and weather vane. The engraved bricks are from Engravestone in Mason, Texas. (A

photo of the Coventry Clock Tower now appears on their web site.) Orders for the engraved bricks came from as far away as Florida, Georgia and Nevada.

The bronze plaques on the tower came from Chantilly, Virginia, and the vinyl pilings for the seawall from Kennesaw, Georgia. The steel bollards, those short, silver milk jug shaped structures that line the curb in front of the clock tower, actually were imported from France.

The Clock Tower Even "Sings"

The chiming system used in the Clock Tower is a state-of-the-art piece of technology. Developed by the Verdin Company, who built the custom clock for the tower, it digitally reproduces the sounds of bells. For example, the sound of each hour is an exact reproduction of a cast bronze bell weighing 4,580 pounds.

In addition to chiming the time, the electronic equipment also includes the Verdin Singing Tower Carillon which plays a wide variety of songs. The system can be programmed to play songs for a particular time of year, holiday, or music with a particular theme.

During the summer, songs played included "On The Sunny Side Of The Street" and "On A Clear Day." September songs included "Fall" songs like "Autumn Leaves" and "Shine On Harvest Moon." Patriotic songs are played for certain holidays.

Clock Tower Music Schedule

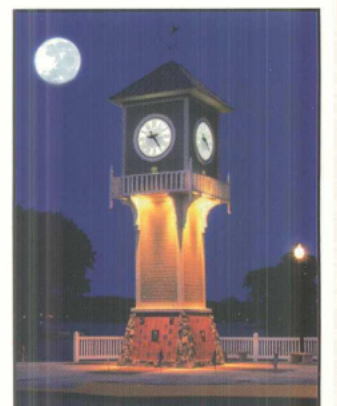
Songs are played each day at noon and 7 PM. During December, the clock will be programmed to play Christmas music at noon, 3 PM, 6 PM and 9 PM. Here is the schedule of music for the next several months:

October & November
Old Favorites & Show Tunes
December
Christmas Songs
January & February
Winter Songs
March & April
Spring Songs

Post Cards Available

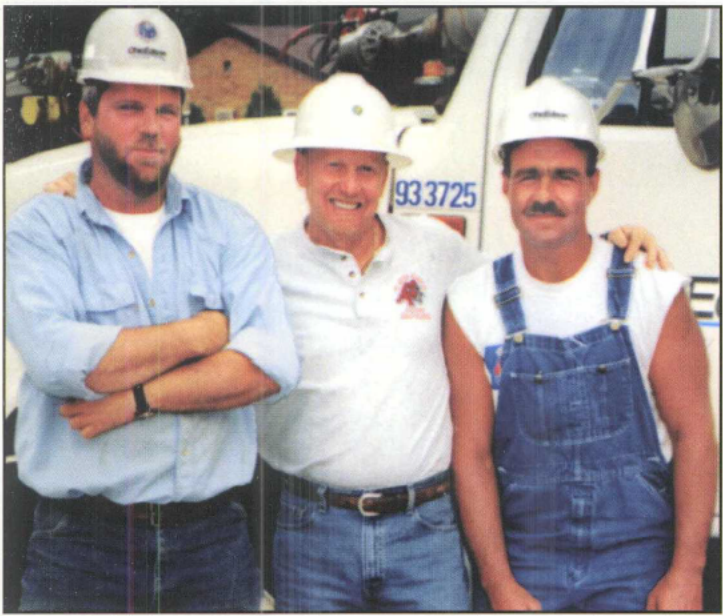
Photographer Chuck Lyons has taken incredibly beautiful photos of the historic Coventry Clock Tower, and they will be available soon. One, taken from the aerial ladder of the fire truck (at the top of the page), captures the present and the past from the unique vantage point.

A night view of the tower (right) is made even more spectacular by the presence of a full moon. Chuck Lyons donated his time to capture the beautiful photos.

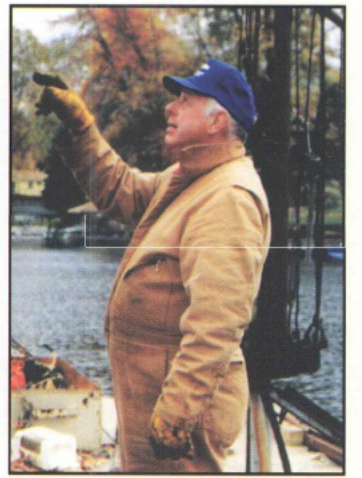


The Coventry Clock Tower at night is one of two beautiful photos available on postcards.

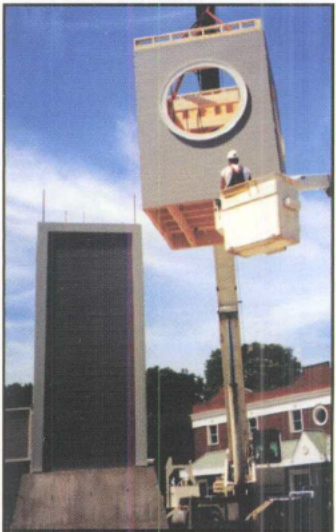
The printing of the postcards is being donated by Summit Printing, located just across from the Clock Tower. A pack of 10 postcards (5 of each shot) will be able to be purchased in the township offices for \$5.



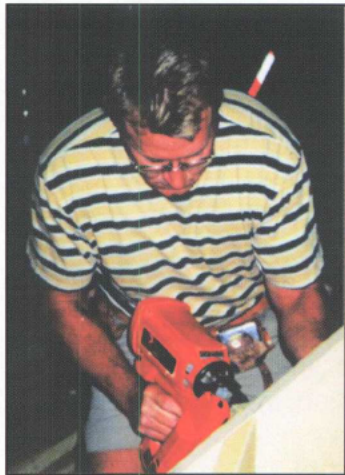
Coventry's road & maintenance crew, including summer shovel specialists, performed a variety of tasks to bring the project to a successful completion.



Norm Schoenmeyer directed the crew who drove the pilings which created the area where the clock tower sits. The donation of his labor, equipment and expertise saved the township tens of thousands of dollars.



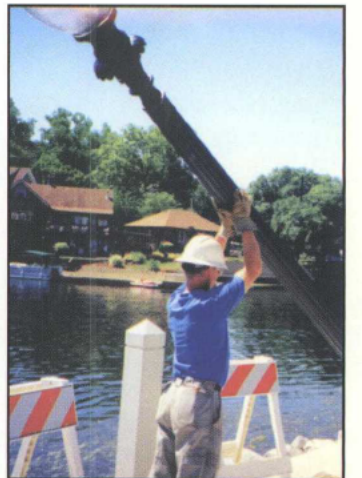
Ohio Edison linemen Tim Mattingly, Chuck Wagner and Bob Danish (above), who removed the ugly old utility poles and placed the wiring underground, came up with the idea of using the company's cranes and bucket trucks to lift the sections of the Clock Tower into place. Their superiors agreed, and they performed the task flawlessly, and at a great savings in cost. The linemen were honored by having engraved bricks bearing their names placed on the historic landmark.



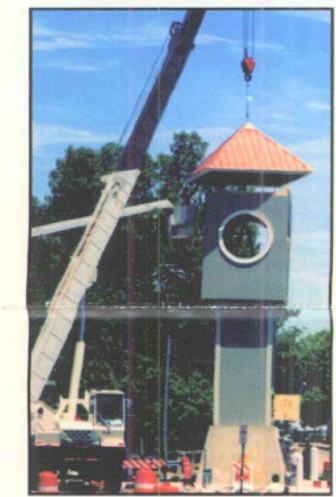
Carpenter Ron Anderson of 619 Services constructed the clock tower.



Roxanne Sawhill primed and painted sections of the clock tower during the construction phase.



An Ohio Edison crew installed the decorative street lights, purchased with grant money, just before the July 4th deadline.



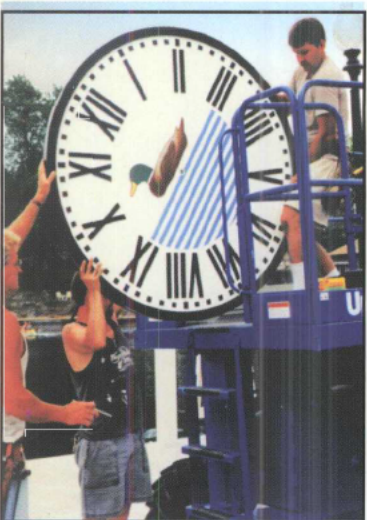
Brick masons Robert Stouffer Sr. and Glenn Greth did all of the brick and stone work. Nikki Sawhill organized and kept track of the engraved bricks.



Dave Johnson, proprietor of Aster Paint and Decorating donated all of the paint and supplies for the overall project.



Roy McLeod, of 619 Services, who built the clock tower, took pride in raising the flags with his father, Al McLeod.



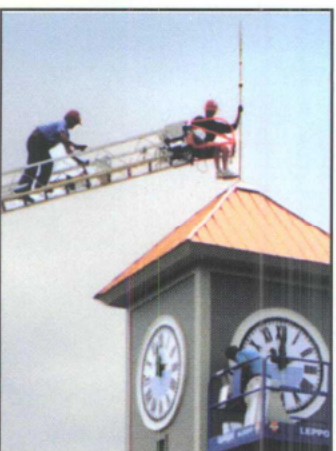
The large clocks for the tower were custom built by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati.



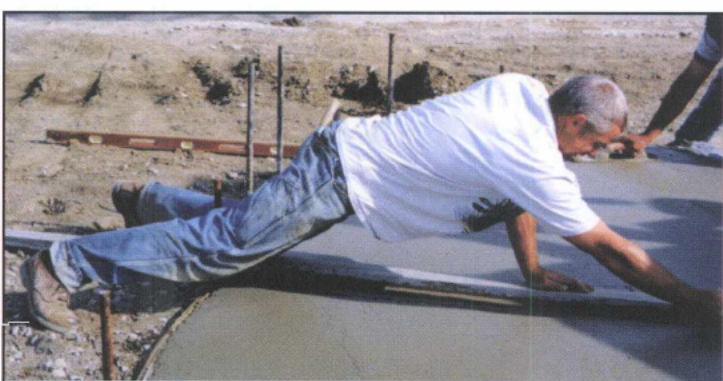
Township Clerk Joni Murgatroyd worked with members of the maintenance crew to plant hundreds of flowering plants in time for the 4th of July dedication ceremony.



The crew from Coppersmith Roofing and Sheet Metal, are proud of the roof they created. Owner Tom Smith donated the copper for the project.



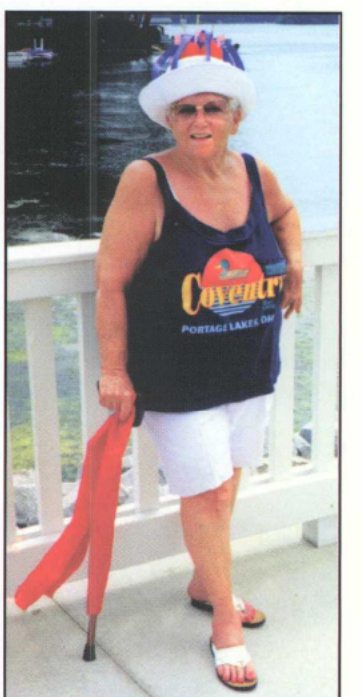
The Verdin company also designed and built the custom duck weather vane. It was set in place from the fire department's extension ladder.



Bobby Stouffer and crew did all of the concrete work necessary to build the clock tower and surrounding sidewalk area.

"When I first heard of the idea of a clock tower, I thought it was the craziest idea I had ever heard. Now that it's built, I think it's beautiful. Thanks!"

—Most often heard comment



Coventry's Best Friend, Ila Justice, was on hand for the Coventry Clock Tower Dedication Ceremony.

Coventry FireMedics "Fit For Fire"

Rugged Test Helps Evaluate Skills and Stamina

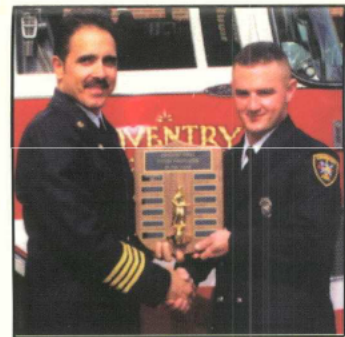
Coventry FireMedics are physically fit and ready to meet any emergency situation. They demonstrated that recently when they all passed a demanding test, designed not only to ensure that the safety forces keep in shape, but to also assure the public that the FireMedics care about their own health and can prove it.

Fit For Fire is a health and fitness program for Coventry's firefighters. It includes a job task physical standard, self monitoring fitness checks, and certified physical fitness coordinators to assist employees with individualized fitness and nutrition routines.

The goal of Fit For Fire is to demonstrate our firefighters' fitness for duty and to help them keep injury free and healthy throughout their careers and beyond.

All passed the test by completing the rugged course in less than the 8 1/2 minutes required. In fact all completed the test in less than 8 minutes, and most in less than 6 minutes.

The best time was recorded by Rob Lawrence, the department's newest full-time FireMedic. He completed the test in just 4 minutes and 11 seconds, earning the award for "Fittest Firefighter of The Year." His name will be engraved on a plaque in the fire department.



Fittest FireMedic Rob Lawrence receives a plaque from Fire Chief Calderone.

Dive Team Donation

The Coventry Firefighters Association donated \$1,000 to the township's Dive Rescue Team for new equipment. The money was raised from the 2nd annual Kids Fishing Tournament held in June.

The Coventry Firefighters Association is a civic group made up of firefighters and dispatchers dedicated to improving all aspects of the fire safety services in Coventry Township, and to provide financial as well as moral support.

Memory Lane donations will be used to keep the Coventry Clock Tower "singing," and extend the Coventry SafeWalk area with additional sidewalks and street lighting.



At the recent Open House, lots of kids got to see what it is like to sit behind the wheel of a large fire truck with the help of Firefighter Ron Adams.

Passing The Test

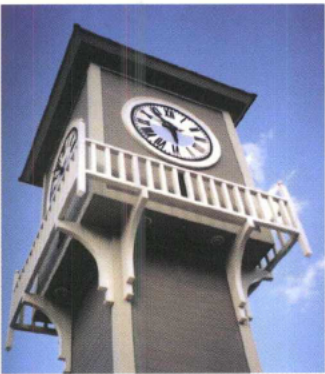
The physical fitness test requires the FireMedic to complete nine (9) job tasks directly matched to firefighting work. All Tasks are completed in continuous sequence within a total established time of eight and one-half minutes. Prior to testing, the FireMedic must put on a the complete fire suit including helmet, gloves and air tanks. Total weight of this equipment is approximately 40 pounds. Each firemedic had to perform the following tasks without stopping:

- ✓ Drag a 150 foot section of 2 1/2" unrolled fire hose (equivalent to about a 200 pound load) 75' to a hydrant.
- ✓ Open a fire hydrant using a large wrench, and turn it 13 rotations.
- ✓ Pull a 200 foot section of fire hose from the top bed of the fire truck and drag it 75 feet.
- ✓ Grasp the nozzle of a charged (with pressurized water) section of 1 3/4" hose and drag it 30 feet.
- ✓ Lift a 38 pound ladder off of the truck rack and carry it above head level a distance of 90 feet around the truck and replace it on the rack.
- ✓ Carry a high rise hotel pack weighing 58 pounds up three stories and then return it to the base of the tower.
- ✓ Wearing a blackened face mask (blindfold), crawl through a 45 ft. serpentine-like maze.
- ✓ Using an 8 pound sledge hammer, strike three targets at three different heights, 15 times each.
- ✓ Carry a 43-pound smoke ejector fan from the fire apparatus to the tower door and hang it on a bracket above it.



Your Last Chance To "Engrave Your Name In History"

Memory Lane has been established to provide an opportunity to purchase engraved bricks which will be placed at the base of the Coventry Clock Tower where there are currently temporary pavers. Bricks ordered now will be installed in the Spring. The deadline is Dec. 15.



Christmas Or Special Occasion Gift Certificates Are Available. Call 644-0785

Zoning With George

What Your Two Zoning Boards Do

By George Beckham
Coventry Zoning Inspector



The purpose of zoning in Coventry, and virtually every other community in the state, is to "protect the health, safety and welfare" of its residents. In addition to protecting health and safety, zoning protects property values.

By designating certain areas for a particular use, zoning regulations ensure that if you build a beautiful new home in a "residential" area, a factory won't be built next door. Some areas are zoned for single family residents, others for multi-family, and still others for office buildings, etc.

Two boards, made up of residents from Coventry Township and appointed by Coventry Trustees, implement changes to the zoning code, or may, in special circumstances, allow people to "vary" from the existing regulations if there is a good reason to do so.

The Zoning Commission

Members of this board may propose changes in the zoning code, and help decide cases where a formal request is made to change the zoning in a particular area, or change the code itself. For example, if an area is zoned for "Commercial-Industrial" and a property owner wants to use the land for houses, a formal application would have to be made. After paying a fee, the request for the change would be advertised in the newspaper, and at least three public hearings would be held. The Summit County Planning Commission would consider the proposed change and make a recommendation to the Coventry Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission would hold a public hearing, and after taking testimony from all concerned, would vote to approve or reject the request. The proposal would then go to the Township Trustees who would also hold a public hearing, and vote for or against the change.

A referendum could be placed on the ballot for the entire community to vote on the change.

The Board Of Zoning Appeals

This group hears requests from property owners who want to build a house or add on, but feel they cannot do so because of a "hardship" placed upon them by a particular requirement in the zoning regulations. For example, in an area designated as "R-1, single family dwellings, a 15 foot sideline is required on each side of any structure. However, a property owner may have an irregular, pie shaped lot which would prevent them from building a new house if they have to stay 15 feet from the property lines. In a case like that, they would apply for a "variance." A formal application would be made and a fee paid. The request would be advertised in the newspaper and adjacent property owners would be notified by mail. A public hearing would be held, and all concerned parties would have the opportunity to speak. The members of the Board of Zoning Appeals would then vote to approve or disapprove the variance.

Anyone who did not want to accept the decision of the Board could appeal the case by filing a lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas, and a judge would make the ultimate decision.

Both the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are selected from the community and appointed by the Board of Trustees for five year terms. Those serving on the boards are paid \$40 per meeting and may hear as many as ten cases on a single night.

MEMORY LANE DONATION FORM

Engraving as you would like it to appear on your Personalized Engraved Brick:
LIMIT: 16 Characters & Spaces Per Line (Note: An "&" will be used in place of the word "and.")

\$100

REGULAR BRICK
2 lines

\$250

LARGE BRICK
5 lines

Line 1

Line 2

Line 3

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Line 5

Name:

Address:

City, State & Zip

For information on Gift Certificates or larger, corporate logo bricks, please call 644-0785. To Order Additional Bricks, attach additional sheets to this form.

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